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SUBJECT: DEEP-WATER WEST AFRICAN CRAB

REF: ABIDJAN 1716

PASS NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE, WASHDC

1. EIGHT JAPANESE TRAWLERS OPERATED BY MAJOR FISHING COMPANIES (EG., TAIYO, KYOKUYO, HOKUYO SUISAN AND HOKO SUISAN) REPORTED IN EARLY FEBRUARY FISHING FOR DEEP-WATER CRAB DESCRIBED AS RESEMBLING TANNER CRAB. TANNER CRAB CALLED ZUWAIGANI IN JAPANESE. VESSELS DESCRIBED TO BE ALL UNDER 300 GROSS TONS FISHING WITH POTS IN DEPTHS AVERAGING 400 METERS, SOMETIMES IN DEEPER WATERS DEPENDING ON LOCALITY, OFF ANGOLA. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL OF ONE FIRM, THAT FIRM'S VESSEL WAS AVERAGING 15-16 CRABS PER POT. FISHING COMPANIES ENTHUSED ABOUT FUTURE PROSPECTS ON BASIS CATCH RATES FOLLOWING INITIATION FISHERY IN FALL 1973.

2. SCIENTIFIC NAME OF CRAB UNKNOWN. JAPANESE FIRMS NOW TRYING TO DECIDE ON TRADE NAME FOR PRODUCT.
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